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Celebrate Washington's Birthday at the Germantown White House *Music for Colonists, Patriots & Presidents*

Celebrate George Washington's birthday at the Germantown White House with "Music for Colonists, Patriots, and Presidents." Enjoy beautiful music as you tour the house that was President Washington's temporary residence in 1793 and 1794. The performance will feature the chamber music enjoyed by Americans in the 18th century, including George and Martha Washington. Music by Handel, Arne, Corelli, Stanley, Boyce and others will be performed.

WHAT: A free music program by "The Practitioners of Musick"
WHERE: The Germantown White House
5448 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19144
WHEN: Saturday, February 20, 1:00pm – 3:30pm

The Germantown White House is the oldest presidential residence in existence in the United States. It served as a refuge for President Washington during the 1793 Yellow Fever Epidemic and in 1794 as a summer retreat for the Washington family including 23 servants (indentured and enslaved). For more information about this program, please call 215-597-1293.

About The Practitioners of Musick

The Practitioners of Musick ensemble – John Burkhalter playing "English" and Small Flutes and Donovan Klotzbeacher, Harpsichordist – was founded in 1999. John Burkhalter studied the performance of early music at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston under Daniel Pinkham. At Harvard University, he studied under Frans Bruggen, Recorder Virtuoso/Conductor. Mr. Burkhalter is well-versed in the subject of 17th and 18th Century music and its importance to the Colonial and early Federal periods in America. Donovan Klotzbeacher studied organ at the University of Minnesota under Heinrich Fleischer. He continued his studies at Westminster Choir College with Mary Krimmel and Dr. George Markey. Active as a harpsichordist, he has performed throughout the Northeast and appeared in a series of New Jersey Network's programming featuring period music at 18th century sites in New Jersey.

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